This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1.-21. (Cancelled)

22. (New) A non-woven article comprising fibers and a polymer blend comprising a polyethersulphone and an aromatic polyamide-imide, said article having a density in the range of about 0.84 to about 0.93, a tensile strength in the machine direction of about 20.2 to about 60.9 N/5 cm, and an elongation at break of about 1.4 to about 2.9% produced by a method of manufacturing a consolidated fiber-based article, the method comprising:
(a) forming fibers from a mixture comprising a polyamide-imide and a polyethersulphone:
(b) subjecting resultant fibers from step (a) to carding, web forming and calendaring, said calendaring comprising thermally compressing said web at a temperature between 200 and 350°C at a pressure greater than or equal to 5 bar.

23. (New) A method of manufacturing a consolidated fiber-based article, the method comprising:
(a) forming fibers and/or fibrids from a mixture of polymers comprising at least one thermostable polymer and (b) at least one thermoplastic polymer selected from polysulphides and polysulfones;
(b) forming an intermediate non-woven fiber-based web from at least said fibers and/or fibrids; and
(c) consolidating said intermediate web by thermal compression at a temperature above the glass transition temperature of said thermoplastic polymer.

24. (New) The method of claim 23, comprising:
(a) forming fibers from a mixture of an aromatic polyamide-imide and a polyethersulphone;
(b) forming a non-woven intermediate fiber-based web from said fibers; and

(c) consolidating said intermediate web by thermal pressing at a temperature above the glass transition temperature of said polyethersulphone.

25. (New) The method of claim 24, wherein said consolidating comprises thermally compressing the intermediate article at a temperature between 200 and 350°C at a pressure greater than or equal to 5 bar.